

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION BUREAU

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Office of Hazardous Materials Operations [ 49 CFR Parts 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178 and 179 ]

[Docket No. HM-145]

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH EFFECTS MATERIALS

## Advance Notice of Proposed Rule Making; Extension of Comment Period

On December 9, 1975, the Materials Transportation Bureau published an advance notice of proposed rule making (41 FR 53824) giving notice that it was considering whether new or additional transportation controls are necessary for classes of materials presenting certain hazards to humans and to the environment and which are not generally subject to the existing Hazardous Materials Regulations. The closing date for filing comments to this notice is March 14, 1977.

Two petitions have been received requesting that the time for filing comments be extended in order to allow more time for study of the questions presented in the notice. The Bureau has considered the reasons submitted in these petitions and has decided that an extension of the comment period is reasonable.

In consideration of the foregoing, the date for filing comments in Docket No. HM-145 is extended from March 14, 1977 to June 13, 1977.

(18 U.S.C. 1803, 1804, 1808; 49 CFR 1.53(e) and paragraph (a)(4) of App. A to Part 102.)

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